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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to distribute cocaine.

Ricki B. Rodriguez, 22, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to three years and one month in federal prison without parole.

On April 8, 2004, **Rodriguez** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute cocaine between Jan. 1, 2003, and April 10, 2003.

Rodriguez was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 17, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Marquez. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, and the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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